

## Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending and are subject to restriction.

Election of one of the following groups is required:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a composition and

II. Claims 12-14, drawn to a process.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-11.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider rejoining claims 12-14, upon finding claims of Group I allowable and if claims 12-14 contain all the limitations of the claims of Group I.

Applicants are further required to elect a species of a specific phenolic antioxidant and of a specific thioether or thioester.

As a hindered phenolic antioxidant, Applicants elect compound 1 of page 36 of the disclosure.

As a thioether or thioester, Applicants elect DLTDP, di-lauryl-thio-di-propionate.

Applicants submit that this constitutes a complete response to the Restriction Requirement.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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